

Monthly Record High for Beef Production

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in June, a new record high for the month, up 4 percent from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in June 2002. June 2002 contained 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. June 2003 contained 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.39 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year and a monthly record high for June. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.25 million head, up 6 percent from June 2002. The average live weight was 1,217 pounds, down 19 pounds from June a year ago.

Veal production totaled 15.0 million pounds, 2 percent above June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74,000 head, down 3 percent from June 2002. The average live weight was 336 pounds, up 17 pounds from June a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.53 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.75 million head, 3 percent below June 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.2 million pounds, was up slightly from June 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,000 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 1 pound from June a year ago.

January to June 2003 commercial red meat production was 23.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was up 5 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 11 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Kind	June 2002	May 2003	June 2003	Jan.-June 2/		Change from last year
				2002	2003	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	2,302	2,363	2,391	13,210	13,194	n.c.
Veal	14.6	15.8	15.0	92.5	97.0	+5
Pork	1,479	1,550	1,527	9,578	9,624	n.c.
Lamb & mutton	15.1	15.2	15.2	111.4	98.9	-11
Total red meat	3,811	3,943	3,948	22,992	23,014	n.c.

1/Based on packers dress weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U.S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	136.4	+2	3,248.6	+6
Cows, dairy 2/	50.9	-2	206.8	+9
Cows, other 2/	21.9	+39	256.9	+3
Heifers 2/	3.6	-27	1,011.1	+9
Steers 2/	54.5	-3	1,677.2	+5
Calves	11.1	+2	74.0	-3
Hogs, all	47.2	+14	7,747.4	+3
Sows 2/	41.5	+17	270.0	+4
Sheep and lambs	0.8	-11	228.9	-1

1/ Excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Federally inspected only. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.